
The Technologist Fellow

The growth and success of the Technologist Section rely on the continuous dedication of volunteer technologists willing to participate at all levels of the organization to support its current goals and objectives. For many years, these unsung heroes worked tirelessly to create scientific and educational programs, develop publications, and write essential guidelines for regulatory compliance and scope of practice, and the list of accomplishments goes on. In the early 1990s, there was a growing desire to recognize these individuals, and the work that followed developed into what today is called fellow status in the Technologist Section. A fellow is an individual who has demonstrated leadership and has made a significant contribution to the profession of nuclear medicine technology at the national level.

Because *fellow* was defined as a new member category, it required a bylaw change and the approval of the national council and the full membership. The resolution, drafted by the Technologist Section fellow task force and reviewed by the membership committee, was approved by the national council and the full membership in 1993.

In 1994, the first fellow application was made available. In the application, the technologist provides a comprehensive listing of professional activities and accomplishments, and a point value system is assigned for each area. The applicant must meet the minimum point requirements in each section to be considered for fellow status. There are 5 sections in the application. Section 1 records the technologist's elected and appointed activities at the national and chapter levels, and this section carries the most weight in terms of points. In sections 2 through 4, an equal number of points can be earned for each section. Section 2 records the education of the technologist, including all professional certifications acquired. Section 3 assesses professional experience, and points are assigned for the various levels of work experience (e.g., manager and staff technologist) or the number of years of full-time-equivalent work in related nuclear medicine areas, including research, sales, and applications training. Section 4 records the professional contributions made by the technologist, including lectures and publications. Points are also assigned for other outstanding achievements and for scientific exhibits or papers presented at the national meeting. Section 5 incorporates the civic activities of the applicant (volunteer activities, elected or appointed public office positions, and public service awards). A total of 100 points is required for consideration of fellow status.

The first class of fellows was awarded in 1995, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Technologist Section.

Through the actions of the national council, the rules requiring completion of the application and normal processing were waived, and the first 25 Technologist Section presidents were awarded fellow status. In addition, 1 technologist, Denise A. Merlino, submitted an application for fellow status that surpassed the minimum requirements and was approved. Therefore, at the 25th anniversary celebration, 26 fellows were recognized for their dedicated service to the Technologist Section.

Today, 104 technologists have been recognized for their leadership in the organization and for their significant contribution to the profession of nuclear medicine technology at the national level. These technologists proudly display their fellow status with "FSNMNTS" or "FSNMMITS" following their academic and professional credentials. The technologists awarded fellow status are listed below.

1995

George W. Alexander, Jr., CNMT, FSNMNTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Donald R. Bernier, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Theresa M. Boyce, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Marcia R. Boyd, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Becky M. Cacciatore, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Vincent V. Cherico, CNMT, FSNMNTS (New England Chapter)
Michael L. Cianci, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Northern California Chapter)
Paul Cole, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)
James F. Cooper, FSNMNTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Author (Art) J. Hall, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Southwestern Chapter)
Paul C. Hanson, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Southwestern Chapter)
Shelley D. Hartnett, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Pacific Northwest Chapter)
Glen A. Isserstedt, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)
James K. Langan, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Mid-Eastern Chapter)
Leonard Lopez, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Denise Merlino, CNMT, CPC, FSNMNTS (New England Chapter)
Mark Muilenberg, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Maria V. Nagel, FSNMNTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Floyd L. Potes, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)
Bradley K. Pounds, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)
Dorothy D. Price, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Northern California Chapter)
John J. Reilley, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Greater New York Chapter)
Wayne J. Weislo, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)
Susan C. Weiss, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)
Mickey Williams, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)
James J. Wirrell, CNMT, FSNMNTS (Central Chapter)

1996

Kenneth M. Blasius, RT(R), CNMT, FSNMNTS (Greater New York Chapter)

Carol V. Bonanno, CNMT, MTASCP, FS (Southeastern Chapter)
Paul E. Christian, CNMT, PET, FSNMSTS (Pacific Northwest Chapter)

Miriam K. Miller, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Mid-Eastern Chapter)
Kathy S. Thomas, CNMT, PET, FSNMSTS (Pacific Southwest Technologist Chapter)

Cynthia S. Wharton, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

1997

Alberto J. Arroyo, FSNMSTS, CNMT, RT(N) (Central Chapter)
Chris Carlson, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)

Lynnette A. Fulk, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Central Chapter)
Louis N. Morgan, FSNMSTS (Mid-Eastern Chapter)

Martha W. Pickett, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southwestern Chapter)
Lynne T. Roy, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)

Ann M. Steves, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

1998

Joni Herbst, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)

Frances L. Neagley, CNMT, FSNMSTS, RT, (N)(R)
(Northern California Chapter)

Kristen M. Waterstram-Rich, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Eastern Great Lakes Chapter)

1999

Mickey T. Clarke, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)

2000

Nanci A. Burchell, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Patti L. Langford, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Mary Jo Struttman, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Central Chapter)

2001

Lyn M. Mehlberg, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Central Chapter)
Sheila D. Rosenfeld, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)

2002

Valerie R. Cronin, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Eastern Great Lakes Eastern Great Lakes Chapter)

April Mann, CNMT, FSNMSTS, RT(N) (New England Chapter)

2003

Frances K. Keech, RT(N), FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

David J. Perry, CNMT, PET, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

2004

Lisa M. Hazen, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMSTS (Central Chapter)
Brenda J. King, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)

Kathleen H. Murphy, CNMT, FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

2005

Danny A. Basso, CNMT, NCT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)
D. Scott Holbrook, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

2007

William L. Hubble, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Howard K. Teng, CNMT, NCT, FSNMSTS (Northern California Chapter)

2008

Kathleen M. Krisak, CNMT, FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

Cindi Luckett-Gilbert, CNMT, PET, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

2009

Mary Beth Farrell, CNMT, NCT, FSNMSTS (Greater New York Chapter)

C. David Gilmore, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

Mary Anne Owen, RT(N), FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Harish K. Vaidya, CNMT, NCT, FSNM (Mid-Eastern Chapter)

2010

Royal T. Davis, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

Leo A. Nalivaika, CNMT, RT(N), MBA, FSNMSTS (New England Chapter)

Rebecca A. Sajdak, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Central Chapter)
LisaAnn Trembath, CNMT, MSM, CCRA, NCT, F (Central Chapter)

Mark Wallenmeyer, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)

2011

Daniel T. Guarasci, RPh, FSNMSTS (Eastern Great Lakes Chapter)

Cybil Nielsen, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Peggy Squires, CNMT, NCT, FSNMSTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)

2012

Norman E. Bolus, CNMT, MPH, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)

Jo Kathryn E. Hunt, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Southeastern Chapter)
Sara G. Johnson, CNMT, NCT, FSNMSTS

(Pacific Southwest Physicians/Technologist Chapter)
Eleanor S. Mantel, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMSTS, Greater New York Chapter

Michele A. Panichi-Egberts, CNMT, FSNMSTS (Greater New York Chapter)

Nancy M. Swanston, CNMT, RT(N), PET, FSNMSTS (Southwestern Chapter)

"My fondest memory was awarding all presidents past, present and future the Technologist Fellowship Award. I thought this award acknowledged the hard work Presidents have done during their time in the Society."



Lynnette A. Fulk, CNMT,
FSNMMI-TS
SNMMI-TS President,
1995-1996

2013

Mark H. Crosthwaite, CNMT, PET, FSNMTS (Mid-Eastern Chapter)
Elizabeth C. Romero, RT(N)(CT), PET, FSNMTS (Greater New York Chapter)
Anthony W. Knight, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMTS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Angela Macci-Bires, RT(N), CNMT, FSNMTS (PB Chapter)
Aaron T. Scott, CNMT, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS (Southeastern Chapter)
Tina Buehner, CNMT, RT(N)(CT), FSNMMI-TS (Central Chapter)

2015

Bryan Kerr, CNMT, PET, NCT, RT(N)(CT), FSNMMI-TS (Central Chapter)
Anthony J. Sicignano, CNMT, ARRT(N) (New England Chapter)
Jessica Williams, CNMT, RT(N) (Greater New York Chapter)
David Campbell, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS (Southwestern Chapter)

2016

Deborah Gibbs, RT(N), RT(CT), PET, FSNMMI-T (Southeastern Chapter)
Marcia Hess-Smith, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Margaret M. Doonan, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS (Greater New York Chapter)

2017

Robert A. Pagnanelli, RT(R)(N), CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS (Southeastern Chapter)
Jennifer L. Prekeges, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS (Pacific Northwest Chapter)
Richard D. Siska, NMAA, MIS, BSNM, NCT, FSNMMI-TS (Missouri Valley Chapter)
James T. Timpe, RT (N)(MR), FSNMMI-TS (Central Chapter)
Patrick Barrett, CNMT, RT (R)(N), FSNMMI-TS (Central Chapter)

2018

Ann Marie Alessi, CNMT, RT(N), FSNMMI-TS (Greater New York Chapter)
Crystal Botkin, CNMT, PET (Missouri Valley Chapter)
Vicki LaRue, NMAA, FSNMMI-TS (Pacific Northwest Chapter)

2019

Lauren Shanbrun, CNMT, RT(N)(CT), FSNMMI-TS (New England Chapter)
Joyce K. Zimmerman, CNMT, FSNMMI-TS (Greater New York Chapter)

2020

Krystle W. Glasgow, CNMT, NMTCB(CT), NMAA, FSNMMI-TS (Southeastern Chapter)
Dori L. Nelson, CNMT, NCT, FSNMMI-TS (Southeastern Chapter)

“There is no doubt that Ms. Thomas played a pivotal role in the politically charged and politically important issues we were dealing with in 1997–8. Below is a very abbreviated summary of some of the most important issues:

Kathy Thomas was President of the tech section. Kathy is a dedicated, knowledgeable technologist, offering wise council on the issues indicated below:

Some of the major activities of '97–8:

- 1. Formation of ICANL. There was financial support (a loan for ICANL to start), and appointment of SNM and members to the ICANL board.*
- 2. PET Task force. Supplying HCFA with information that resulted in reimbursement for PET scans for detecting and staging lung cancer.*
- 3. Interface and collaboration of multiple Nuclear Medicine organizations (ACNP, ASRT, HPN).*
- 4. Definitive negative response from ASNC about possibly becoming a subsection of SNM.”*



H. William Strauss, MD
SNMMI President, 1997–1998
Greater New York Chapter

“My fondest experience? Although it may sound like a ‘canned response’, it was the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of talented and dedicated technologists to develop new educational tools and offerings to support professional growth. My fondest memory? My president’s reception (what a party!) and that crazy group of technologists including Cynthia Wharton, Lynn Fulk, Nanci Burchell, Lyn Mehlberg, Kathy Krisak, Mary Jo Struttman and Patti Corrigan that sang (with a little ‘can-can’ thrown in!) that crazy song that the group wrote to summarize my year as president.”



Kathy S. Thomas, MHA,
CNMT, PET, FSNMMI-TS
SNMMI-TS President,
1997–1998